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MEMORANDUM

To: Massachusetts CLECs

From: Michael Isenberg, Director, Telecommunications Division

RE: Verizon's Line Splitting Tariff Filing, TT 01-68

Date: November 2, 2001

On October 5, 2001, Verizon filed with the Department revisions to Tariff No. 17, TT 01-68, pertaining to Line Splitting arrangements, for effect on November 4, 2001. The filing was made in compliance with the FCC's Third Report and Order, *In the Matters of Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability*, CC Docket No. 98-147, and Fourth Report and Order, *Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, CC Docket No. 96-98, released December 9, 1999. Included in TT 01-68 are the terms and conditions of Verizon's Line Splitting service offerings, and changes to existing and newly proposed rate elements.

Verizon has complied with Division policy regarding changes to Tariff No. 17 by issuing notification to the competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") on October 11th. Contained within this notification and pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.04(1)(d), Verizon stated how a CLEC may oppose the tariff changes, including requesting suspension, by filing a letter of protest with the Department within 10 days of the effective date¹ of the tariff change.

Only one party, WorldCom, filed comments on November 2nd regarding Verizon's tariff revisions. Specifically, WorldCom disputes Part B, Section 22.2.2.A (although the intended section is Part B, Section 22.1.1.A), which refers to restricting line splitting to copper loops, and Part B, Section 22.1.1.D, which requires UNE-P to be converted to an unbundled loop and switch port.

The Department has reviewed the proposed Line Splitting tariff and will allow it to go into effect as filed, pending further informal review by the Department's Telecommunications Division. During that review, the Department will take WorldCom's comments under consideration. The proposed rates are being investigated in D.T.E. 01-20, and will be subject to "true up" based on the outcome of that case.

¹ In the future, CLECs opposing tariff revisions must file a letter with the Department no later than 10 days of the effective date.